

# Natural Resources Conservation Service

## Application Ranking Summary

### Clayton - Grazed Range

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Clayton - Grazed Range		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>		<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

#### National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Grazing Screening Criteria for Applications Involving Public Lands - Applications involving public lands must have an active CRMP, or the applicant must agree to develop an approved CRMP prior to the date of contract approval. The CRMP must include a timeline, agreed to by all parties, for completion/approval of all NEPA and cultural resource inventory/clearance requirements. Applications without a CRMP, or a CRMP without the agreed to timeline for NEPA/Cultural resource clearance, shall be considered a 'low priority' and will not receive funding consideration until higher priority applications have been funded.	
1. Does the Applicant agree to plan/implement a grazing (range) resource management system? 75 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does the proposed contract include one or more practices which will protect/enhance habitat for an at-risk species (Federal, State or Tribal listed Threatened, Endangered or candidate species)? 50 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the proposed contract include practices to mitigate noxious weeds (NMDA class A, B or C)? 50 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Has the Applicant had a prior contract which was implemented on schedule and is providing satisfactory Operations and Maintenance (O&M) for installed practices? 25 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Has the Applicant NOT had a contract within the past seven years? 25 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does the Applicant agree to have all contracted practices completed by Dec. 31, 2018? 25 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Has Applicant had a Farm Bill contract terminated due to non-compliance within the past five years? -100 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Please answer yes to one question from Questions 1, 2 and 3.	
1. Will invasive brush species be treated on 75 – 100% of contracted or allowable acreage with invasive brush species present? (Allowable acreage pertains to contract max. per practice as specified in FO proposal) 50 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will invasive brush species be treated on 50 – 74% of contracted or allowable acreage with invasive brush species present? (Allowable acreage pertains to contract max. per practice as specified in FO proposal) 40 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will invasive brush species be treated on 0 – 49% of contracted or allowable acreage with invasive brush species present? (Allowable acreage pertains to contract max. per practice as specified in FO proposal) 30 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Please answer yes to one question from Questions 4, 5 and 6.	
4. Will the majority (> 50%) of any invasive brush species with medium or heavy infestation be chemically treated? 50 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the majority (> 50%) of any invasive brush species with light infestation be mechanically treated?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

40 Pts	
6. Does the proposed contract include Brush Management (314) that will be applied in a manner and of an infestation that cannot be categorized by answering Questions 4 or 5? 30 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Please answer yes to one question from Questions 7, 8 and 9.	
7. Will water development consisting of more than two practices be installed in new locations to improve grazing management and meet storage and livestock water budget requirements? 150 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will water development consisting of 1 or 2 practices be installed in new locations to improve grazing management and meet storage and livestock water budget requirements? 100 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will water development be installed as replacements for existing facilities that have met their lifespan and cannot be repaired? 75 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Please answer yes to one question from Questions 10 and 11.	
10. Will cross fences be constructed in new locations to improve grazing management? 25 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will cross fences be constructed as replacements for existing fences that have met their lifespan and cannot be repaired? 10 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Please answer each of the following questions.	
12. Will water development rely on expansion of existing system to facilitate better grazing management? 100 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Will a conservation practice be installed that addresses wind or water induced erosion? 15 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Will any conservation practice be installed not previously noted that addresses a valid resource concern? 10 Pts	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:  Local Issues:  State Issues:  National Issues:  <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<b>NRCS Representative:</b>   <b>Signature Date:</b>	<b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b>   <b>Signature Date:</b>
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